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Enclosed are copies of 1 United States patent, 1 Japanese patent abstract, 2 French patents, 2 German patents and 1 PCT International patent, all with English abstracts. Also enclosed are 3 German patents and 1 French patent, with no English abstracts available. Also enclosed is a copy of the Examination Report of the German Patent and Trademark Office dated July 27, 2004, and a copy of the Search Report of the European Patent Office dated March 4, 2005.

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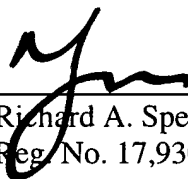
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